From: Patel, Harish

To: Buettner, Robert; Rivera, Alex; Foley, Patrick; Pierce, Jennifer; Froikin, Sara; Mills, Flaire; Spina, Providence

Subject: FW: UPDATE: Limetree Update

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 11:51:45 AM

## FYI....

From: Evangelista, Pat < Evangelista. Pat@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 11:46 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kodama, Doug" < Kodama.Doug@epa.gov>

Date: May 13, 2021 at 11:43:47 AM EDT

To: "Evangelista, Pat" <<u>Evangelista.Pat@epa.gov</u>>
Cc: "Hoppe, Shawna K" <<u>Hoppe.Shawna@epa.gov</u>>

Subject: FW: UPDATE: Limetree Update

OK, we'll call Harish and send contact info...more update below.

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From: Hoppe, Shawna K < Hoppe. Shawna@epa.gov >

**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 11:41 AM **To:** Kodama, Doug < <u>Kodama.Doug@epa.gov</u>>

**Subject:** UPDATE: Limetree Update

Clarification from Catherine: All process units are shut down with the exception of the platformer(?), which supplies hydrogen to the desulfurization unit and is needed during the ramping down process. As soon as they are completely "ramped down", that unit will be shut down too. She expects this to be completed by the end of the day.

From: Hoppe, Shawna K

Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 10:59 AM

**To:** Kodama, Doug < <u>Kodama.Doug@epa.gov</u>>

**Subject:** Limetree Update

Catherine Elizee from Limetree just called be back. She couldn't tell me what specific units were on circulation, but I did confirm again that <u>no</u> oil is being added to the system. The shutdown of production takes a couple days and she's unsure of where they are with that, but will find out and call me back. They intend to inspect the flare (#8) when shutdown is complete to determine the cause of the flaring incident. The oil that was deposited on the road and neighborhoods to the west of the facility (I'm not sure if there have been reports of other locations) was a heavy oil (not crude)- more like a pitch oil. They are still using some pumps in generating electricity and wastewater treatment operations are still taking place. If you have more questions I can ask them when she gets back to me about where they are with the shutdown, though I may not be the best person to be asking these questions as I am not very familiar with refinery operations.

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